

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace any/all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, wherein additions are shown in underlined text and deletions are shown in strike-out text:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole comprising a toe area, a heel area, an undersole, a midsole and a midsole bottom, the midsole bottom being connected to the undersole, and various hard inserts being introduced into the undersole, and the undersole being closed off by a hard and abrasion-resistant sole bottom, wherein a twisted plate having a constant width from the toe area to the heel area is built into the sole and forms, together with the undersole, ~~a~~ the midsole.
2. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the midsole comprises several parts.
3. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate is connected to the sole bottom, such that the sole bottom has the same twisted form as the twisted plate.

4. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate is connected to the midsole bottom, such that the midsole bottom has the same twisted form as the twisted plate.

5. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate has different thicknesses at different places.

6. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein, in a the heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and, in a the toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

7. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein, in a the heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and, in a the toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

8. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 2, wherein, in a the heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and, in a the toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

9. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 5, wherein, in a the heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and, in a the toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

10. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 2, wherein, in a the heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and, in a the toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening

wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

11. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 5, wherein, in a the heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and, in a the toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.